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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

Did Governor Olson have anything to do with planting that dictaphone in the hotel room of Speaker Garland? The legislative committee appointed to investigate this unpleasant incident proposes to find out. Some members of the legislature would not "put it past him." It is reported on good authority that the governor has placed a dictaphone in his own office at a cost of some thousands of dollars to keep a record of some of the conversations he has with various persons that enter there. That is, of course, his own business in so far as it affects his own position, but we still think it unfair to those who wish to discuss matters of state with him. The governor knows his words are being recorded. His visitors up till now, at least, did not know it. When one of the "undesirables" from the economy bloc enters his office for a private conversation, it is said, the governor pushes a button, and the dictaphone records the conversation. Whether the governor would dare use such a record or not is another question. Perhaps he only wants it for his own personal reference.

Members of the legislature who think the governor is becoming a dictaphone addict state his own appointees in the SRA, at least, have been placed under the surveillance of a dictaphone. This to the unthinking may be a bit of high comedy, but to those who observe our governor with more or less respect for the office he occupies, it must be altogether disillusioning. What kind of riff-raff is he appointing to administer relief that he must use a dictaphone to spy on their activities? What kind of public servants are these? The governor admits the practice without naming the officials subjected to it.

The governor, it is said, is still intent on purging the assembly of the ten Democrats whose union with economy minded Republicans demonstrate that democracy will work when the electorate firmly makes up its mind that it shall work.

The legislature not only defeated the governor's lavish spending plans, but exposed his relief hypocrisies. For instance, the governor has spent something over $50,000 in refurbishing his own office in the Capitol, enough in all conscience to keep several underfed, underhoused, and underpriviliged families in considerable comfort. While following closely in the footsteps of F. D. R., unlike the President, Olson has encountered a serious barrier to prodigal spending in the legislative body with which he must do business.

The American people as a whole, we feel certain, are beginning to distrust all these political leaders with a messianic complex. Adults who do their own thinking resent that paternal attitude of state or national executives, best expressed in the phrase: "Papa knows best." So when the governor invades the bailiwicks of the unregenerate assembly Democrats equipped with political mop and soapsuds to purge their districts of these representatives, he is very likely to find that Republicans have tacitly joined forces with the Democrats to return them for another two years.

In round No. 1, to use a sporting phrase, the governor has taken a severe beating at the hands of the special session. His elaborate tax program never even reached the stage of debate. His relief program was so clipped that the SRA, according to news dispatches was forced to shed 6,500 employees. Think of that! a third as many as the population of Nevada county, sitting gratefully at the Olson counter, suddenly lose their pie. As yet we have heard no wails of sorrow from the tax payers. Worse than that, from the governor's standpoint, an investigation of the communistic pressure group which just about controlled the SRA, until the economy bloc intervened, is now in progress.

Unless the flood damage in California compels an earlier reconvening, the legislature will assemble again in May. Round No. 2 coming up. This session is even more important than the last from a standpoint of the tax payers for at that session, the legislature will consider the practical aspects of returning relief administration to the counties, where every citizen

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'WORST' STORM WREAKS HAVOC WITH UTILITIES

Nevada City was visited by an electrical and rain storm of three hours duration Wednesday evening that was conceded by pioneers to be one of the worst in many years.

It is estimated by Herbert Hallett, city superintendent of streets that the storm which started Saturday evening and lasted until Wednesday morning, caused several thousand dollars damage in disrupting water and sewer mains and fire alarm system. Hallett with assistants patrolled the canal in the Canada Hill district two nights and had only three hours sleep from Monday until yesterday afternoon. This canal supplies the water to the only reservoir carrying water to Nevada City.

Thunder Storm

The heavy thunder storm Wednesday evening which brought torrents of rain and hail flooded city drains with rubbish and gravel and burned out the fire alarm system. The heavy flood of water in Deer Creek which reached an estimated eight and a half feet at its height also plugged the city sewer from the ice house at the Plaza to the Midnight mine below Gault Bridge. The sewer line follows the stream bank. Crews are using hydraulic methods in pumping out the fast settling tailings. All manholes along the sewer line were torn out and washed away.

Zeibright Shut Down

Reports are that operations are shut down at the Zeibright mine east of Nevada City in Bear Valley, due to the storm. Crews continue shaft work and mining in L-raise.

Downieville Wednesday had a seasonal total of rainfall of 60.53 inches. The 48 hour storm brought 11.94 inches of moisture at time of measuring Wednesday morning. The storm brought the rainfall an inch over normal in that section at this time of the year.

Snow Melts

Warm rains melted much of the snow from many districts but the storm last Wednesday evening brought new snow marking the snow line at eight miles east of Nevada City. The Washington Junction has five inches; Steep Hollow, 10 inches; Bear Valley, five inches. There are 10 inches of snow at the junction of the Tahoe-Ukiah highway and Route 40 above Emigrant Gap. Truckee has over 12 inches of snow; Blue Canyon, four inches; Donner Summit had 123 inches and 14 inches of this was new snow that had fallen Wednesday night. A light snow fall continued throughout the forenoon. The highway was open but chains are necessary for automobiles.

The Yuba Pass has 50 inches of snow and the snow line is at Sierra City. There are 14 inches of snow at Bassetts. The pass is open but motorists are advised to use chains.

Total rain fall for Nevada City up to yesterday morning was 44.68 inches. The seasonal total to the last of January was 24.53 inches and during the month of February the amount almost doubled when 20.15 inches of rain fell. The last three days storm brought for February, 27-4.44 inches; February 28—3.15 inches and February 29—2.36 inches or a total of 9.95 for the three day period. Last year there was only 4.28 inches during the whole month of February while the same month in 1938 had 25.29 inches.

SOFGE SPEAKS ON WOMAN'S SPHERE

H. F. Sofge, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce addressed the Business and Professional Women's club Wednesday evening. His subject was. "Women's Sphere in Municipal Government." Considering the stormy weather the meeting was well attended with thirty five present. Sofge's talk began with women in ancient times and continued down through the ages and thence to the recreational project in Nevada City last year. He stressed woman's influence for good. Mrs. George Legg gave a book review on L. Roeding's book "Victor Emmanuel". The club's choral group sang two songs that were greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. H. T. Bigelow, wife of superintendent of the local state division of highways, is ill at her home on the Nevada City-Grass Valley highway.

Women's Civic Club Gives Annual Dinner At Methodist Church

Members of the Women's Civic Club and their husbands enjoyed the annual dinner given by that group in the parlors of the Methodist Church Tuesday night. The guests, attired in amusing and old fashioned hats, were served a chicken pie dinner prepared by the Methodist ladies under the direction of Mrs. Snyder. Mrs. R. R. Goyne was chairman.

A grand march was held to judge the quality of the head displays in which Mrs. Nora Austin received first prize for ladies and George Gildersleeve first prize for men. Mrs. Belle Dougless and Dick Goyne were awarded consolation prizes.

Mrs. Ralph Smith rendered three vocal solos and Mrs. Charles Elliott, the club's president, played two piano numbers.

MAIL DELIVERY TO START TODAY IN NEVADA CITY

Commencing today, according to an announcement by Betty Martin West, postmaster, there will be free delivery of mail to Nevada City residents who have filed a change of address from their postoffice box to their house number with the postmaster There will be no delivery to residents who have not filed the card or who have not provided suitable mail receptacles.

There will be two deliveries a day, morning and afternoon.

Through the co-operation of the city council boxes for the receipt of mail are being placed throughout the city. There will be two in the business district and six in the residential sections.

Letters and parcel post mail may be deposited in these boxes.

Two cents postage is required on letters intended for local delivery.

The first carriers will be DeCourcy T. Eckles, O. Byron Lake and Cameron A. Larsen, who have been selected from the civil service eligibility list of the local postoffice. Also selected from the list will be William J. Wasley, regular substitute clerk.

RANGER HODGSON GETS HONORARY TITLE, 'DOCTOR'

Tahoe Forest Ranger John Hodgson, at the Big Bend ranger station near Cisco, has acquired an honorary title. His friends for some time have been facetiously addressing him as "doctor," on account of the hundreds of first aid cases he has given attention to involving automobile smash-ups in the summer and snow sports in the winter.

They will now be more than ever inclined to since Hodgson has organized a first aid class for the Donner area and is holding weekly instruction meetings in the Southern Pacific station at Norden. Despite stormy weather, the first meeting held on the night of February 22, saw the enrollment of approximately fifty railroad men, resort owners, etc. Hodgson considers this as a good index of the necessity for first aid in the Donner area and the interest in it by local people.

In Hodgson's opinion, the first aid problem in that area is beyond the financial ability of the local Red Cross Chapter to cope with and he is endeavoring to interest the state office of that organization in the idea of extending aid. Additional instructors are needed. One person cannot adequately teach a group of fifty; while he can expound the theory, it is not possible to give the necessary training and practice that will enable the individuals of the group to efficiently administer first aid when the actual need occurs.

Alvah Kistle, former resident now of Sacramento, spent Sunday visiting at the home of his brother, Norman Kistle, and with Mrs. A. Deschwanden of Gold Flat.

William Sweeney and family of San Jose are expected to arrive today to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Sweeney of High street.

Mrs. A. Duke of Orchard street, who has been quite ill, is improving.

SAFETY ENGINEER TELLS ROTARY OF ROAD FATALITIES

A. I. R. Rivett, safety engineer of the State Highway Board, was the guest speaker of the Rotary club at luncheon yesterday. The club sang "Aauld Lang Syne" at the close of the meeting in honor of DeWitt (Swede) Nelson who had announced that this was his last meeting with Nevada City Rotary. Next week he assumes his new post as supervisor of the San Bernardino national forest. H. E. Kjorlie gave an interesting account of the weekly programs in store up till the first of July. He also announced that beginning with next Thursday evening, March 7, the spring series of lectures sponsored by the high school will begin. Mr. Michael Brickley, of the Sacramento Junior College will deliver the series of eight lectures. He will discuss current events.

One in every seven of California's population, declared Mr. Rivett, obtains his living directly or indirectly from traffic upon or by of the state highways of which there are 14,000 miles in California. While there is one automobile for every 3.4 persons in the United States, there is a car for every 2.8 persons in California.

Highways Important

With this tremendous use of the highways and their importance to the daily living of six million persons in California, has come the problem of safety.

"You would not believe," said Mr. Rivett, "that such a large proportion of the auto drivers in California are illiterate, or if not that, skeptical. They either are unable to read the more than 100,000 signs erected for their safety and guidance in California, or they do not believe them. They do not see the white stripes in the road or they do not think they mean anything. The result in that in 1937 to total of 3,135 Californians were killed by other Californians. In 1938 this number was reduced to 2,775, but last year, 1939, the number rose 101 again so that 2,876 lost their lives. This does not take into account the thousands maimed and injured for life.

Tour Via Camera

Taking a movie camera, Mr. Rivett made a tour of the main highways in California and the story his camera told was pictured on a screen for the thoughtful consideration of the Rotary club.

His picture, in technicolor, revealed a great many drivers in a tremendous hurry, not only cutting in on the left side of the road, but going around vehicles to the right. Many drivers paid no attention whatever to double white lines. These lines were crossed both on curves and near the summits of hills. Mr. Rivett remarked that truck drivers were very rarely found violating any rules of the road.

One child in every three, now living, declared Mr. Rivett, will either suffer death or be maimed by accidents, practically all of them preventable, on the highways, if the present rate of traffic fatalities continues.

INQUIRY HELD HERE BY STATE ROAD OFFICIALS

As a result of complaints made to Frank W. Clark, state director of the Department of Public Works an inquiry into fiscal matters pertaining to the regime of Fred R. Garrison, until recently superintendent of the highway division in this area, but lately transferred to Woodland, has been instituted.

Conducting the inquiry at State Highway headquarters here, were Gus Henderson, assistant to Director Clark, C. R. Montgomery, attorney for the State Department of Public Works, and W. S. Cully, auditor of the Department. The inquiry began Tuesday and was ended Wednesday. Among those interrogated were Walter Butz, J. Havey, Jack McLaughlin, Art Long, Dewey Tietzen, Fred Bush, Simon Hieronimus, William Cunningham, and Fred R. Garrison who came up from Woodland to be present.

Those conducting the inquiry did not make public their conclusions.

Huge Sum Allocated For Hydraulic Dams In Appropriation Bill

The Nevada City Nugget yesterday received the following telegram from Congressman Harry L. Englebright, representative from this district. Congressman Englebright has long been campaigning on behalf of California mining interests in the House of Representatives and this telegram attests to his success.

Harley M. Leete
Nevada City

Glad to tell you that included in appropriations of the War Department Civil Functions appropriations bill which passed the House today I succeeded in obtaining an allocation of five hundred and three thousand dollars to be used on the Ruck A Chucky and Narrows hydraulic mining dams.

HARRY L. ENGLEBRIGHT.

McGAGIN LAUDS CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL WORK

At the first meeting this season of the Co-ordinating Council which last year inaugurated a recreational program in Pioneers park and proposes to continue it this year, a letter was read from Probation Officer A. W. McGagin, which greatly encouraged in its work. The meeting was held Wednesday in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and officers of last year were re-elected. The officers are Mrs. Edward T. Bonner, president; Fred C. Garrison, secretary; and Mrs. Margaret E. Odegaard financial secretary.

The letter from Probation Officer McGagin, commending the work of the Co-ordinating Council follows.

Feb. 28, 1940.

Nevada City Co-ordinating Council
Mrs. Edward T. Bonner, President,
City Hall, Nevada City, California

Dear Mrs. Bonner:

Replying to your request of this morning will state:

In checking over my records for the years 1938 and 1939 find; the Nevada Ctiy cases alone for the year 1938 my office handled 50' 'cases composed of 150 juveniles. Also 16 school truants.

During the year 1939, for Nevada City alone, the total cases handled were 18, consisting of 28 juveniles, and 3 cases of truancy.

I feel that your Council should be congratulated for the work accomplished during the year 1939. The summary of the Probation work in the county shows an increase in 1939 over 1938. The Nevada City records as stated above shows a decrease in delinquency.

Assuring you of my co-operation and with best wishes for your undertakings in the future, remain

Respectfully,
A. W. McGAGIN,
Probation Officer, Nevada County.

A committee consisting of H. E. Kjorie, Mrs. C. M. Gwin and Mrs. Odegaard, was named to make a study of a plan for raising the necessary funds for continuing recreational work during the summer months. Mrs. Bonner was named to represent the council on the park lighting project committee.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Hefelfinger that the council act as a co-ordinating body or clearing house for the various groups in Nevada City which contribute goods or cash to charitable enterprises. This suggestion followed a request from the Red Cross that a list be submitted to it of all organizations which are engaged in charitable activities, with a statement of the particular work done by each group.

CHOIR BROADCAST POSTPONED

The Nevada City A Capella choir which was to have sung over radio station KFBK in Sacramento Wednesday evening was not able to go owing to the storm. Mrs. Carl Libbey has trained the choir. The broadcast will be given later.

BATTERY CHARGE

Deputy Sherif Fred Williford arrested Robert F. Minter, 28, Coyote street resident, late yesterday afternoon on complaint of his wife. Minter was charged with battery. He is in the Nevada county jail.

FINLEY NAMES ACCOMPLICE AS STUART SLAYER

Malcolm Finley, 17-year-old Nevada county woodchopper, who since his arrest Sunday has repeatedly denied any knowledge of the brutal hatchet murder of Bertram Stuart, Camptonville recluse, made a complete confession Wednesday afternoon in which he named his accomplice, Franklin Stokes, as the actual killer, it was announced by District Attorney Joseph Heenan of Yuba county.

Evidence that definitely linked Finley with the slaying, together with the confession previously given by Stokes in which Finley was accused of the crime, brought about the long-awaited confession.

Leave for Cabin

Finley, accompanied by Heenan, Sheriff C. J. McCoy and Owen Kessel of the state bureau of investigation, to Camptonville where the knapsack containing the hidden loot, later valued at less than one dollar, taken from Stuart's cabin after he was murdered and his body dumped into an abandoned mine shaft, was disclosed.

Investigation by officers, at the time of going to press, has failed to produce the murder weapon.

Tells Detailed Story

Finley, according to Heenan, told a detailed story of the killing, claiming that he accompanied Stokes on the latter's motorcycle from Grass Valley on the evening of February 21. He said they sought a friend of Stokes known as Bob Hamilton and abandoned the motorcycle about five miles from Stuart's cabin because of road conditions.

Arriving at the Stuart cabin, they were welcomed into the house and given coffee, Finley told officers. As they started to leave, he said Stokes picked up Stuart's gold watch from a table and pocketed it.

Stuart Protests

When Stuart protested, Finley charged that Stokes hit him with his fist and then struck him with a small hand axe.

Finley admitted, it was said, that he aided in tying Stuart's hands behind his back.

After striking the victim again with the hatchet, Stokes assertedly dragged the unconscious man outside and there shot him twice when he showed signs of returning to consciousness.

Helps Hide Body

Heenan said Finley also admitted that he assisted in dragging Stuart to the mine shaft in which the body was found several hours later by the Marysville residents on a holiday trip to the mountain region.

The district attorney indicated that he may file formal charges of murder against Finley and Stokes before the end of the week, explaining that storm conditions have hampered a complete investigation at the scene of the slaying.

EMPIRE-STAR CO. SUES C. BUTLER ON MINE DAMAGE

Empire Star Mines Company, Limited, the owner of the Empire, North Star and Pennsylvania Mines in the Grass Valley district yesterday commenced an action in the superior court of Nevada county against Cooley Butler, the owner of the Golden Center Mine, Wallace Butler, general manager, and Fred Kallenborn, assistant manager, to enjoin underground trespass and for damages.

The complaint alleges that in 1936 the defendants drilled a diamond drill hole from the 1100 foot level of the Golden Center Mine to the No. 4 winze on the 2400 foot level of the Pennsylvania mine, and that the defendants have, by means of pipe, pumps, and a small dam, conveyed all the water flowing into the 1100 foot level of the Golden Center mine through the drill hole into the workings of the Pennsylvania Mine.

That subsequently, the defendants drilled two additional holes into the stope adjoining the No. 4 winze. That the Empire company did not discover the existence of the holes until February, 1940, when it unwatered the No. 4 winze. The complaint further alleges that this trespass was delib-

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You Are In Business

Seldom, if ever, has any American public official defined more clearly, or in more human terms, the stake that every citizen has in resisting governmental attempts to penalize, harass and tax business into bankruptcy, than Gordon Garland, speaker of the California Assembly, defined it last week:

"Whether you are the office boy or the boss; whether you are a farm hand or a farm owner; a corner grocer or a banker; a railroad employee or a railroad executive; the president of a power company, or a lineman; a barber, a newsboy, a teacher, or a doctor—You Are In Business. And when those in high public office indulge in rabid attacks on private business, they are seeking to tear down your source of livelihood."

In support of that statement, made by Speaker Garland in discussing the economy bloc's stand against a doubled relief budget of $95,000,000 and against a demand for over $50,000,000 in new taxes, are flinty facts. California state taxes—and deficits—and new spending demands—are at an all-time, staggering high. The end of that road, inescapably, is shrinking payrolls and expanded relief rolls, shriveling tax resources and private resources, and ultimate collapse of private business.

That road also, Mr. Garland warns, is the road toward Communism. "The real struggle." he declared, "is between Communistic-controlled, self-seeking pressure groups and the working, industrious people of California who have revolted against extravagance, radicalism and visionary experimentation in state government. A contest of whether we shall turn left toward destruction or shall turn right, and return California to sanit and solvency."

In that contest, the Californians who "are in business"—working in field, in factory, in office, in laboratory—building a finer California for themselves and those who will come after them, are generally and emphatically endorsing those economy-bloc Democrats and Republicans who are, in the truest sense of the adjective, their business representatives.

The Country Gentleman

The California farmer of this day not only lives like a country gentleman—he most gallantly behaves as one, according to a compendium of data comparing rural and city family life reported this week by the San Francisco branch of the American Association of University Women, which took part in a national survey. Nearly 60 per cent of farm husbands pitch in to help with housework so that their wives may have added leisure for outside cultural activities—whereas but 40 per cent of city husbands do that! However, the report comments tactfully, "this may mean that the time of the office-confined city husband is not so flexible as that of the rural husband."

Furthermore, the farmer of 1940 takes off his hat to no man when it comes to providing the little woman with a nice place to live. Judging homes on light, air, space, sanitation, conveniences, comforts and protection from dirt, 80 per cent of farm women gave their homes a plus rating. Ninety-eight per cent have radios, 97 per cent electric irons, 84 per cent vacuum cleaners. There's little or nothing in way of push-button, streamlined modernity in comfortable living that the city wife has over the farmer's lady.

The traditional stock-character farmer of the old-time vaudeville days, who wore overalls to town, slept in his underwear, and blew out the gas lights, went out with the iron-tired bugyg. He's a country gentleman in this age—and much of California's progress is due to the fact that this, the nation's leading farm state, has 150,000 of him!

The Census Suicide Squad

Enriching the language soon will be a new simile: "Brave as a census taker." Imagine the valiant man, bearing searching list of 50 intimate questions he is sworn to ask, confronting Mrs. America:

"How many times have you been married?"

"Three," very coldly.

"Divorce the first two?"

'Certainly not!" indignantly. "Asthma and a bum gall bladder."

"Marital status today?"

"Why, tranquil and happy—if it's any of your business!"

"I don't mean that. I mean, are you living together? And what's his salary? Ever on relief? What were you doing in 1935? How old are—"

As can readily be seen, the census takers are going to earn their salaries. By the time they have presented their questionnaire to about 75 million housewives, they're going to know the answers to three questions anyhow: that exactly 50 per cent of America's married population are feminine; that no American women is over 39 years of age; and that the female of the species is deadlier than the male!—Contributed.

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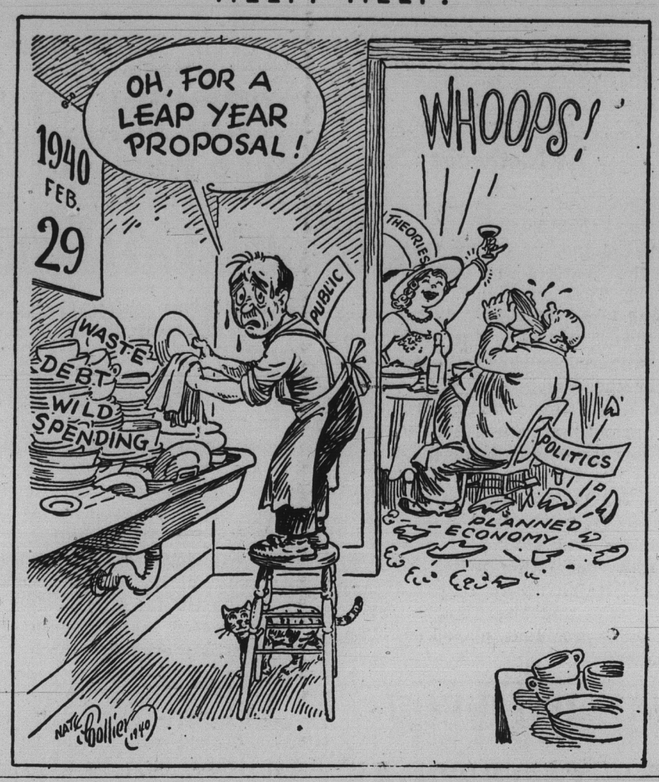

JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder at the many things
A single month can hold—
The stirring interests of the day,
The memories of old.
Now February goes its way
But for the coming year,
We'll not forget the lessons learned
Amid its birthday cheer.

I wonder if February may be called the birthday month; surely no other period of thirty one consecutive days is so full of a number of things and all of them calculated to arouse our better emotions, lift our spirits and renew our faith in the future stability of the land we love.

With the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington came a rededication to the principles they so ably promulgated and defended; a clearer understanding of the trials and difficulties which they overcame; and a fixed determination to make no compromise with those forces which would undermine the foundations upon which they builded.

Then we celebrated the birthday of Boy Scouting, and heard those right minded young patriots repeat the Scout pledge. As their earnest voices thrilled the air, we forgot many of our fears for the future, in the realization that here was an army which could be relied upon to safeguard and defend the precious values of our American way of life.

Rotary also had a birthday—International Rotary, perhaps the most democratic of all civic institutions, reasserted its principles and demonstrated the ability of men of every race and creed and occupation to dwell together in harmony, a lesson sorely needed at this stage of modern history.

Yes, February was a grand old month; may we keep its spirit until another February comes with its birthdays and its renewals of courage, high confidence in ourselves, our institutions and our destiny.

I wonder how the entire citizenry of certain countries came to adopt shirts as the national costume. There they go. those regimented peoples, goose stepping along, hands raised in the prescribed fashion and every last one of them arrayed——in shirts.

Black, shirts, brown shirts, red shirts, and what not. It simply couldn't happen here; our American sense of humor wiuldn't permit it. Then too, there is the matter of color; all colors have been utilized with the exception of pink, blue and mauve; can you imagine one of our Fourth of July parades with all of us decked out in blue, pink and mauve shirts?

I wonder if a third of the members of the American Youth Congress are at the present time ill bred, ill informed and ill mannered.

Now that the Silver Shirts have been dissolved and the German Bund has been nipped in the bud, why can't we fumigate and settle down to the practice of some good old-fashioned Americanism.

Uncle Silas says: "I wish I could scoop that third term mystery; it would be the making of me if I could."

—A. MERRIAM CONNER.

"Due Tomorrow"

President Roosevelt's seventh promise that the federal budget would be balanced "next year" reminds me of an experience of my father. One day while huting in Wisconsin he shot two wild ducks. Then came an indignant and well armed Indian who claimed the ducks as his property. Under the persuasion of the Indian's gun, Dad gave him a note for $10, due "tomorrow." Each time the Indian called to collect it was pointed out that the note was not yet due, but Dad was very careful to avoid Mr. Indian thereafter while hunting. Mr. Roosevelt is advised to give this some serious thought before deciding to be a candidate for a third term.—Newark (N. J.) Courier.

SCOOP THURMAN
At the State Capitol

After four weeks spent in extraordinary session your legislators recessed last Sunday until May 13. During the recess several committees will thoroughly investigate the problem of relief, taxation and possible economies in government. In recessing your legislators felt that after a thorough investigation into these problems they would be in a much better position to act on the various matters presented by the governor in his agenda when he called the special session of the legislature last January.

THURMAN

A. B. No. 1. of which the writer was a co-author, was last week signed by the governor. The bill eliminates the lien clause in the old age pension bill.

Oustanding events of the final week saw the over riding of the governor's veto on the stop gap relief bill appropriating $12,200,000 for relief until June 1, 1940. As was mentioned in thsi column last week certain restrictions were placed in the relief bill to tighten up the manner in which relief is administered. Under the terms of the bill the needy will receive sufficient relief, but the chiseler will definitely be out of the picture.

Your legislators are definitely ecenomy minded and the reckless expenditure of the taxpayers money is to be definitely curbed, regardless of what the radical group may desire. And the radical pressure group which gathered in front of the State Capitol last Friday did not help the cause in the least. Your legislators, as I have often written, desire to see the needy receive ample relief, but relief racketeers who make a career as leaders of radical relief groups, will never help the cause of the needy.

Highlights of the four weeks included the selection of Gordon Garland, conservative Democrat, as speaker of the assembly, the denouncing of Communism in relief by Assemblyman Sam Yorty, the definite proof that there is too much politics in relief, the discovery of a dictagraph in Speaker Garland's hotel room, and the successful attempt of the legislators to inject economy in the relief expenditures. Whatever remains unfinished will be given consideration when the legislature returns on May 13.

Your assemblyman, in supporting the economy program as to relief, did so following the reciept of many letters from the people throughout the entire district, eighty per cent of whom urged economy in relief. And these letters did not come from politicians, but came from the people—the home owner and the taxpayer and even many from old age pensioners who did not favor the proposal to reduce the age limit from 65 to 60 years.

As your assemblyman the writer has endeavored to follow out the wishes of the majority. Before we left for Sacramento we solicited your advice and counsel. The reaction of the people of our district to our request for suggestions was a most agreeable surprise. I can assure you. Letters were received from all parts of the district and many of them contained good suggestions. To those who took the time to write, I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your advice and suggestions. As long as I serve you—the people of the Sixth Assembly District, I shall endeavor to carry out the wishes of the majority and shall at all times endeavor to represent you in the manner you desire and shall always do my best in opposing legislation which might be detrimental to the district I was elected on the promise that I would work for sane legislation and economy in government. I assure you that I have been endeavoring to fulfill that promise.

And so until the legislature reconvenes in May, thanks for listening.

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can see just what is going on. No doubt in the world that many boards of supervisors think they have enough to do without taking on SRA relief administration. On the other hand, we have long been satisfied that this is the only course that will effectually curtail the high cost of relief without doing substantial injury to those in actual need of relief. At the end of round No. 2, we suspect that Govenror Olson will be even more politically hors de combat than now.

We close this column with a little story. One of the legislators who happened to meet a Mexican whom he formerly employed, on the street of his home town, said: "What you doing Jose?" Jose replied: "Me? I do nothing." The senator asked: "How come? How do you get along?" Said the Mexican. "Me? I am on relief. Big family; we get $112 a month. My wife she going to have another baby, that, nine dollar more pretty soon." Relief in too many instances has become a vocation.

Washington Snapshots

By JAMES PRESTON

Washington is now playing around with another version of the idea of helping the farmer by increasing the cost of living. It hasn't made much of a hit with Congress so far.

The new plan centers around that most popular Washington weapon—a new tax. But recognizing that the word "tax" is slightly unpopular now, the planners call it a "certificate plan."

The way it would work is this: Each processor of a farm commodity would be required to buy a specified number of federal "certificates" when he bought the farm goods. This "certificate' tax' money would in turn be passed along, less administrative expenses, to farmers who reduced production or otherwise "cooperated" with the federal farm program.

Naturally the man who bought the "certificates" would have to add their cost to the farm goods when he resold them. So that the price of the farm goods to the ultimate consumer would increase again.

That might sound all right in itself, but to a lot of economists it just doesn't make sense. In the first place, there are about nine million unemployed who don't have a lot of money. When the price of things they buy at the store goes up, naturally they can buy less. So the farmer's market is curtailed.

The week's best laugh: Policemen in a Maryland county adjoining the National Capital are dieting and taking reducing exercises. The county commissioners adopted a ruling that all cops should be fired on May 15 who were bigger around the stomach than around the chest.

National Press Club crack: "The third term isn't an issue this year: it's a fifth and sixth term issue because the Roosevelts have been taking two terms at a time.

Two mysteries have taken over Washington. One is the President's Carribbean cruise, and the other results from the application of the alphabet to the budget.

Newspapermen, who are usually pretty capable at solving mysteries, are still trying to find out why all the secrecy surrounding the President's cruise. They, like the State Department, are still puzzled by all the stories about conferences with officials of other governments on the high seas. The best they can figure is that the President just wanted to give the newspaper "boys" a good story to justify their trip with him to Pensocalo, the embarkation point of his cruise.

It is Congressmen, on the other hand, who are mystified by the alphabetical budget. When Secretary Edison was testifying before the House Appropriations Committee on the navy's Appropriation bill, he began talking about an "A" budget and a "B" budget.

One Congressman made the off-the-record remark that since more new agencies weren't being created by the hatfull, the alphabet apparently was getting rusty from lack of use so they are now applying it to appropriations.

On the record there were such remarks as these: "What is the 'A' budget and what is the 'B' budget and what is the necessity for presenting two budgets with different identifications?" "Are we considering the 'A' budget or the 'B' budget, or both budgets?" And: "This matter of 'A' budgets and 'B' budgets intrigues me."

The explanation was that the "A" budget is supposed to cover the regular naval building program while the "B" budget was to cover naval building necessitated by the world situation. In other words, the "A" budget and the "B" budget are both supposed to cover shipbuilding programs.

The Congressmen still can't figure out what difference there would be between two destroyers, one built out of the "A" budget and the other built out of the "B" budget. To the taxpayer it doesn't seem to make much difference.

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Ruth Gifford displays a lot of loveliness for competition at the National Orange Show, San Bernardino, March 14th to 24th. She is a hopeful "Queen Califia" and holds a skirtful of prize oranges groomed for the blue ribbon citrus fruit contest.

Highlighted by the patriotic theme "America," the thirtieth annual National Orange Show will be staged in San Bernardino from March 14 to 24.

Famed as the show window of California's half billion dollar citrus industry, the elaborate citrus fair is expected to draw 200,000 spectators to see the harvest of the golden orchards.

A half million oranges and lemons will be entered in the citrus fruit contest by growers and packers all over the Southland. Judged entirely on a scientific basis, the winners of the fruit contest will be awarded a total of $25,000 in prizes.

"America" Theme

The traditional early California theme has been descarded for a more timely theme, "America," this year. The huge National Orange Show auditorium will be decorated with thousands of yards of shimmering red, white, and blue satins, alternating cameos of past presidents and murals depicting scenes from American history will line the walls between racks of luscious fruit.

In addition to the fruit display, an elaborate flower exhibit is planned for the orange fair. Forty thousand flower plants in the gardens within the auditorium will be in full bloom for the show. Floriculturists of the southland will enter their prize blooms in a special contest.

Seventeen Exhibits

Seventeen feature exhibits will be entered by communities and civic organizations of Southern California for the extravaganza. These animated exhibits will follow the patriotic theme, with such ideas expressed as the Statue of Liberty, the Dove of Peace, and a gigantic Uncle Sam made of citrus fruit.

Top-notch movie stars, including Rudy Valle, Eddie Cantor, Alec Templeton, Jean Parker and others and popular bands, such as Phil Harris, will provide entertainment for spectators both in the afternoon and evening. A fun zone with all the attractions of a world's fair will add a carnival spirit.

In addition there will be a real packing house, a dsiplay of citrus by-products, and an industrial section with the latest home gadgets connected with the citrus industry.

FAMED COMEDY IN SACRAMENTO FRIDAY, MAR. 8

The Sam H. Harris production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," the new comedy success by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, with the famous commentator, actor, author, critic and wit, Alexander Woollcott, in the title role, will have its Northern California premiere at the Alhambra Theatre, Friday, March 8.

Playing currently in New York and Chicago, the local presentation with Mr. Woollcott as the central figure will have that added interest of a famous personality, portraying a character said to have been designed for him originally, and to be a lampoon of the "Town Crier," who by his appearance as himself proves he can take it, as well as hand it out.

Stays For Dinner

The story of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" concerns itself with one Sheridan Whiteside, author, lecturer, critic, who slips on the ice on the doorstep of a home to which he is invited to dinner in a small Ohio town. He is laid up for weeks recovering from his injury, and it is with his trials and tribulations in the home of the Stanleys that "The Man Who Came to Dinner" deals.

Sheridan Whiteside, let it be known, is a "friend of the great and near-great." Every Christmas Eve he conducts a special and inspired broadcast. His knowledge of murder cases is immense. And his power of invective is even more startling.

Faces Problem

The major problem which Mr. Whiteside faces in Massalia, Ohio, however, is the threatened defection of his competent secretary, Miss Cutler, it appears, has fallen in love, and she is on the verge of leaving her boss, a circumstance which completely upsets the ordered routine of living which is Mr. Whiteside's pride and joy. And the Machiavellian plots and counterplots which are concocted to foil Miss Cutler's departure are the theme of the play. Suffice it to say that they concern an Egyptian mummy, Harpo Marx, a cage full of penguins, Noel Coward, cochroaches, a stage star, an octopus, a country doctor, an ex-murderess and the usual collection of screwy people who inhabit the fantastic realms conceived by Kaufman and Hart.

Tickets for "The Man Who Came to Dinner" are on sale now at Ye Music Shoppe, 1014 Tenth Street, Sacramento.

E. L. Baxter, Tahoe national forest service official, and Mrs. Baxter attended the show "Gone With the Wind" in Sacramento yesterday.

William B. Celio, of Park Avenue is steadily recovering from a recent severe sick spell. He is still confined to his home and his wide circle of friends hope for him an early recovery.

FOREST CHIEF TELLS USE OF ROOT SYSTEM

We can be more than ever thankful for trees these days in the opinion of DeWitt Nelson, Tahoe forest supervisor at Nevada City. The average person, Nelson says, thinks only of the portion of the tree above the ground, but the very root system which sustains the tree and is responsible for its esthetic and commercial value is what is now not only protecting us from more serious floods but is enabling the storage of water under ground for gradual issue during the drier months.

True, we are having a heavy run off and considerable property damage especially in the valleys; but just imagine what it would be were all or a considerable percentage of the watersheds were hard packed ground that actually did "shed" the water immediately. Even the lowly brush fields that nature supplies until the slower growing trees have had a chance to come back, are rendering valuable service now, Nelson says.

Where areas have been repeatedly burned and the soil sterilized until even chaparral will not thrive, there are no extensive root systems to permeate the soil and enable it through sponge-lkie formation to play its part in water conservation. Fortunately, we have very few such areas on, or in the vicinity of the Tahoe forest.

Placer Co. Drama Guild Names Cast of "The Valiant"

Lillian B. Allan, director of the Placer Drama Guild announced the cast of "The Valiant" today as follows: James Dyke, Levon Joseph; Prison Warden, Howard Fisher; Father Daly, Oliver Baukuier; Jailor, Don Emerson; Attendant, Bill Bergtholdt and Josephine Paris. Margaret Price.

"The Valiant" famous Hall-Middlemass prison-drama has been selected by the guild for production in the 1940 Pasadena Playhouse 1-act play tournament, to be held in Pasadena April 16.

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OLSON THEORY OF GOVT. SAID TO BE THREAT TO PEOPLE

Apparent disregard by Gov. Olson for the American system of government is the most serious lesson to be derived from the special session of the state legislature just ended, Assemblyman Arthur W. Carlson of Oakland said today.

"When the chief executive of a great state such as California deliberately tries to bend the elected representatives of the people in the state legislature to his individual will and whims, the future of democracy is seriously threatened," Carlson declared.

Members of the legislature are elected as representatives of the people, to enact legislation which they believe the majority of the people want, Carlson stated, and in contrast to **this theory of government**, Gov. Olson during the special session by threats and other intimidation attempted to force the legislature to enact legislation which would be detrimental to the entire state.

"When a governor, whose duties are prescribed by the constitution as being only executive, tries to be both the executive and the legislature too, it creates a situation over which the people of California should be genuinely alarmed, Carlson said.

Foreman—"What does this mean? A man just phoned that you were ill and couldn't come to work today, yet here your are and apparently feeling fine."

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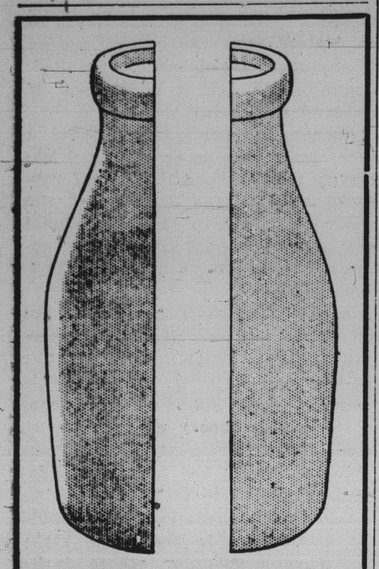

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The difficulties due to lack of street lighting are rapidly being overcome as the war advances, Capt. Euan Wallace, Minister of Transport, recently told the House of Commons. But England still is unable to conceal objectives from the enemy aircraft in a satisfactory manner, though thus far German bombings have been pretty well confined to naval objectives.

Trying to cut down the accidents due to blackouts, the Automobile Association in England has advised all pedestrians to obtain white cases for gas masks. Britain civilians are also to wear white handkerchiefs around their arms after sundown.

Rainbow Girls Meeting Today in Mason Temple

The Rainbow Girls will hold their next meeting this afternoon instead of tonight in the Masonic Temple. The initiation of candidates has been postponed until next Friday evening. Plans are being made to attend the convention of the chapters in Pasadena in March and about eight girls are preparing to make the trip. Betty Smith is worthy advisor and delegate to the convention.

S. F. Fair Goes Streamline

Pretty Jeanne Bon of San Francisco (above) was first beauty to try out for the title of "Miss Streamline," Golden Gate International Exposition pre-opening publicity theme girl. Candidates from all sections of California are being tested daily in the Exposition's search for a representative 1940 beauty. "Miss Streamline" will also be featured in Treasure Island's opening-day production, "Days of '40," May 25.

LEST WE REGRET

By
NEVADA COUNTY
SAFETY COUNCIL

Summer will soon be here. This means that 7,000,000 bicycles will soon be traveling the streets and highways of the United States. About one-half, or 3,500,000, of the bike enthusiasts will disobey every traffic rule and regulation that has been made for their own personal safety.

For some unknown reason the cyclist has come to believe that he is immune to danger and that it is the duty of all drivers to yield the right of way as soon as a bike approaches.

During 1939, 700 bicycle riders were killed and 25,000 injured. A great majority of these unfortunate accidents were caused by the riders failure to convince himself that he too, must obey traffic laws. A cyclist must remember that his bicycle comes in the same catagory as a motor vehicle. It is the riders job to control his bike in the same manner that a safe and sane motorist controls his automobile.

We urge each and every bike rider to exercise all possible caution and to obey all traffic rules and regulations. If everyone does his share we are confident that this summer will be an enjoyable season for all cyclists.

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Bank Gives Summary Of Business Conditions In Federal Reserve District

Industrial activity in the Twelfth District was well maintained in January, after allowance for seasonal influences, at the high level attained late in 1939. Small reductions in output took place in a few lines, but these were approximately offset by expansion in others, notably in the aircraft and lumber industries. Largely as a result of expanded activity at aircraft plans and lumber mills, payrolls advanced to a new record level.

New orders received by district manufacturers for most primary industrial products on which information is available continued in about the December volume, and in the lumber, steel and pulp industries orders approximated current relatively high rates of output. On the other hand, orders for several processed agricultural products, including flour and canned and dried fruits, continued relatiely small in January and February. Slow current sales of some of these commodities reflect partly the heavy advance buying by domestic distributors early last fall and partly the disturbed trading conditions in usually important foreign markets for such products. In the field of construction, new residential building undertaken in January continued in good volume but nonresidential building remained dull. After having expanded moderately in November and December, retail trade declined in January and the first three weeks of February to about the levels of the early fall.

The shortage of soil moisture, which had become acute in large sections of the district late in 1939, has been relieved since the first of the year by unusually heavy rains and snows. The snow pack in the higher elevations increased but by February 20 was still below normal and in most western states and more was needed for future irrigation use. Widespread storms since that date, however, have added further to the mountain snow storage, and at the end of February, snow packs were approaching normal at many points. Livestock ranges were greatly improved by the heavy precipitation in January and February, and fall and winter sown grains, truck crops, and citrus fruits also benefitted. Mild temperatures generally prevailed throughout the district and frost damage was small. In contrast unusually severe weather elsewhere in the United States damaged competing truck crops and citrus fruits.

A decline in loans to commercial and industrial enterprises by city member banks is customary during January and February, but this year such loans expanded, continuing the evident increase during the last 4 months of 1939. In late February these loans were somewhat larger than a year earlier, gains since last September more than offsetting the reduction in bank credit extended business enterprises during the first half of 1939.

HUNGARIAN VIOLINIST TO GIVE POSTPONED CONCERT SATURDAY

After a postponement due to illness contracted during his tour, Joseph Szigeti, Hungarian violinist, will keep his date with Northern California March 2 with a concert in Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento.

Szigeti, whose appearance here will close the Sacramento Music Series for 1939-40, was to have appeared February 20. He has been confined to a San Francisco hospital.

The artist has chosen a program which will include several serious compositions, among which are the Kruetzer Sonata of Beethoven; Cesar Franck's Sonata in A Major and Ernst Bloch's "Baal Shem" suite. Lighter selections will be compositions by Pakanini, Mompou and Stravinsky.

Andor Farkas will be the piano accompanist.

Szigeti, who is a native of Budapest, has made successful concert appearances throughout Europe and his first American tour was in 1925 when he was introduced by Stokowski and the Philadelphia orchestra.

Tickets for his concert are on sale now at Ye Music Shoppe, 1014 Tenth Street, Sacramento.

Tennessee Mine Is Continuing Operations

R. M. Scott reported this week that the Tennessee mine at Poker Flat is going ahead with its operations which include drifting on the main tunnel, a distance of 2100 feet. According to the present plans, a raise will be made in the near future at the mine.

Those working at the mine are Walter Scott and Charles and Walter Pore. Scott said that the mines in that country have proven to be very rich properties and that the gravel channel that they are now looking for is in virgin ground.

DANCE AT PETERSON'S CORNER

A St. Patrick's dance is being given Saturday evening, March 16, at Peterson's corner two and a half miles south of North San Juan by G. H. Peterson. This is the second of the series of popular dances at this place and they have secured the well known Mid's orchestra for the ball.

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Sunshine Circle Gives Luncheon Wednesday

Sunshine Circle of the Ladies Aid Society entertained the Ladies Aid members at a delicious one o'clock luncheon Wednesday after which a program and social time was enjoyed. There were thirty five present for the afternoon. On Tuesday evening the Ladies Aid Society served a dinner in the Methodist church parlors for the Civic Club. The club gave the dinner in honor of their husbands and there were over fifty present for the dinner.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM OFF

Max Solaro, fire truck driver for Nevada City, warns everyone south of Deer Creek that the fire alarm system will be off two or three days or until repairs can be made. In case of fires telephone the calls in to the fire department and they will be taken care of at once.

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LEGAL NOTICES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, DISTRICT LAND OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. MINERAL APPLICATION NO. 032406

January 25, 1940

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that T. B. ENGLISH, MARGARET J. COUGHLAN, and THE HEIRS OF MRS. C. J. ENGLISH, deceased, all of North Columbia, Nevada County, California, have made application for patent for a placer mining claim situate in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, in the Northwest quarter of Section 4 and the Northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, described as follows:

ROSE VALLEY PLACER CLAIM, consisting of Lot No. 4, of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, and Lots 1 and 2 of Section 5, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, containing 54.80 acres, more or less.

That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented.

That the location notice for the Rose Valley Placer Claim is recorded in Book "25" of Mining Claims, at page 492, Records of Nevada County, California.

ELLIS PURLEE, Register.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, M. A. No. 032400, DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, January 26, 1940. Notice is hereby given that Jerome C. Coughlan of North Columbia, California, has made application for patent for the Frandy-Black Placer Mining Claim in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, described as follows: Lots 5, and 6, Sec. 4, T. 17 N., R. 9 E., M. D. M., California. That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented. The location notice is recorded in Book "27" of Mining Claims, at page 3, Records of Nevada County, California.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT LEADER IN U. S. HEALTH INQUIRY

If Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt were to step tomorrow into the health department of any city hall or county court house in the country, she probably would ask many of the same leading questions that she did on such a trip in Washington, D. C.

The tour was arranged by Mrs. Thomas F. McAllister, Director, and Mrs. May Thompson Evans, Assistant Director of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee who drafted Mrs. Roosevelt for a series of demonstrations of how she finds out about the place where she lives, as part of the "Know Your County" surveys suggested by the Women's Division to gather campaign ammunition for 1940. It is described by Bess and Lucile Furman in an article in the February issue of The Democratic Digest, publication of the Women's Division.

With Mrs. Roosevelt as she visited the Health Department of the nation's capital to investigate the vital problem of the city's health were a group of congressmen's wives from widely separated parts of the country: Mrs. Jerry Voorhies of California, Mrs. John Murdock of Arizona, Mrs. Frank Hook of Michigan, Mrs. John Rankin of Mississippi and Mrs. Herman Eberharter of Pennsylvania.

The First Lady touched on topics of national concern—the supply of public health nurses, the special needs of mothers of lower income brackets in childbirth, the need for hospital beds, and the campaign against syphilis, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

Many of the questions she asked would be applicable to any town and could be asked by women in any part of the county.

"Would you say that basically your health problem is economic, centering in districts of poor housing, where there is overcrowding and the people haven't the food to build up resistance," she asked.

"Have you enough public health nurses?" was another question.

A third interrogation, "Is the real need more hospital beds or is it more public health nurses?"

"I felt that I had acquired a great deal of knowledge on this first trip," Mrs. Roosevelt said. "It is planned to continue these trips, looking into a different phase of district government. It is hoped that this will be helpful to women in other cities or rural areas who wish to study their own problems."

Be Thankful for Your Competitors, Expert On Business Asserts

Your competitors may be irksome fellows who take your "sure" orders, but they are useful fellows, too, who give you that much needed "kick in the pants", make for more and better business, and create orders which ultimately fall into your lap. This is the business philosophy advanced by J. C. Aspley, authority on sales problems, in the current issue of the Rotarian magazine.

"Indeed, competition is the very essence of the American system of private enterprise," Aspley asserts. "It is the glue that holds it together. It is what makes it work. Without competition business would quickly degeuerate into a system of guilds and monopolies. The level of prices would soon get out of line with national purchasing power, and the state would have to take business over to make it function effectively as a service to society.

"While this competitive system of ours may not be perfect, it works," he reasons. "It may pause to catch its breath once in a while, but it has given to the United States a standard of living enjoyed by few other countries. Do we want to keep it? Then let's stop bellyaching about our competitors. Let's stop trying to slap them down. Let's stop hating them. Let's recognize them for what they really are—a necessary part of our industrial and social system, and think more about working with them rather than against them," he declares.

Banner Mt. Auxiliary Holds Enjoyable Session

Banner Mt. V. F. W. Auxiliary held a well attended meeting Thursday evening in the veterans hall. A social session was enjoyed after business was transacted. A George Washington birthday decorative theme was carried out in the hall and on the banquet table. The prize pillow cases were won by Mrs. John Fontz of Grass Valley. At a recent food sale the auxiliary sold 200 pasties. So far this year there has been a new member initiated each month.

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A RECENT SURVEY INDICATES THAT 7 MILLION JOBS IN INDUSTRY WOULD BE ENDANGERED BY BASIC CHANGES IN THE U.S. PATENT SYSTEM.
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CHURCHES

BETHANY CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY

(Affiliated with the Assemblies of God.) Sunday school 9:45, Mrs. Blanche Brounfield, superintendent. Come young and old to the Sunday school. There is a place for you. Morning worship 11 a. m. There will be a communion service Sunday. Christ ambassador service at 6:30. All young people are cordially invited to attend this service. Evening evangelistic service at 7:30 p. m. Come to Bethany for a real season of refreshing.

Services during the week: Praise and prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. If you desire a real vital acquaintance with God attend this service. Ladies prayer meeting at 1 p. m. on Thursday. This service is conducted by the ladies for the ladies. Choir practice at 7:30 p. m. on Friday.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Ray Murchie, superintendent. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Vocal solo "Beside Still Waters", DeWitt Nelson, Mrs. Nelson accompanist. Sermon "Can Science Save the World," pastor. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Preaching service at 7 p. m. Ten minutes song service, Sermon "Fishing on the Wrong Side of the Boat." pastor. The public is cordially invited.

Week events: Bible study and prayer hour Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Study the 17 chapter of John's Gospel. The official board meeting at the close of the prayer hour. Missionary meeting. Wednesday afternoon. Choir practice at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Easter is drawing near and it is very important that we get down to real practice for Easter musical program. Be on hand next Wednesday. Choir will meet in the parsonage. Trustees meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the church parlor. All the trustees and those on the committees are requested to be present. Young people's prayer hour at 7:30 p m.. Thursday. Monday at 5:30 p. m. pot luck supper and business meeting of the Epworth League. Matters of importance will come up.

Hospital Sunday under the auspices of the Epworth League, Barbara Phariss in charge, at 2 p. m. sharp.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED ARE NOW DISTRIBUTED

Commodities for the preparation of free school lunches for underprivileged children are now being distributed in 44 California counties, figures released by the State Relief Administration and the Federal Surplus Commodities Corp. revealed today.

A total of 1213 schools are now participating in the program, and 115,851 children have been certified for participation. The figures in the report are up to February 1.

Los Angeles county takes the lead, with 374 schools and 39,626 children participating.

San Francisco county is second, with 163 schools nad 15,601 children participating.

Nevada county has one school and 50 children taking part.

GHIDOTTI RITES HELD YESTERDAY MORNING

Funeral services for the late John Ghidotti, 76, one of Nevada City's best known citizens, were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Holmes Funeral Home with officers of Corte Christo her Colombo officiating. Immediately following the services the body was taken to Sacramento for cremation.

He was born in Italy on March 10, 1864, and came to this country in 1880, settling in Plumas county. A few years later he went to Sierra county where he attained American citizenship.

He came to Nevada City in the nineties and was employed as a miner and merchant. For 40 years he operated a grocery store in this community.

In 1898 he was married to Miss Catherine Levaggi who survives him and to their union were born the following children: Frank, John, Jr., and William Ghidotti: Mrs Marvin Weeks and Mrs. Tony Rore. There also survive three grandchildren, Betty and Walter Rore and Clifford Weeks. There is also a sister in Italy.

LAST RITES TODAY FOR MRS. LULU KILLICK

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Holmes Funeral Home chapel for the late Mrs. Lulu May Killick who passed away early Tuesday morning in this city. Rev. David Ralston will officiate and interment will be made in Pine Grove cemetery. Mrs. Killick was a member of the Rebekah lodge and Neva Rebekah lodge of Nevada City will take part in graveside services. Mrs. Killick leaves to mourn her passing a husband, Alfred Killick, son, Herbert, of Baker, Oregon; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence LaKamp and Mrs. Myron LaKamp, and two grandchildren, Dutch Flat. Mrs. Killick was a native of Lowa but had resided in Baker, Oregon many years. She had been ill two years and left Oregon three days previous to her death and had been in Nevada City only one day when she passed away.

W. J, FISHER PASSES AWAY SUNDAY IN CITY

News was received recently of the death of William J. Fisher, who passed away Sunday in San Francisco after a long illness. He lived in Nevada City for many years after he arrived from Amador county.

He engaged in mine milling and concentrating work and was employed by mining companies in this district.

For more than 40 years he was a member of Hydraulic Parlor No. 56, N. S. G. W. and took an active part in its activities. He served as president and trustees of the order. He was also a member of Milo Lodge No. 48, K. of P., which has since been absorbed by the Knights of Pythias of Grass Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Regina Fisher, two sons, Jake and Will Fisher and a daughter, Mrs. Grace Campago, all of San Francisco. There are also two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Johnson and Mrs. Mary Griffin of Sacramento.

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SCOUT RALLY AT ROSEVILLE SAT. EVENING

The high school gymnasium at Roseville will be the scene of the 13th annual scout rally of the Tahoe Council District of Boy Scouts of America Saturday evening. Plans were completed for participation of troops No. 6 and No. 24 and Pack 2 of Cubs at the monthly scouters meeting held Monday evening at the Navajo Inn. Attending from Nevada City were: Bert Foreman, chairman of Cub pack No. 2; Norman Hefner, Cubmaster: Chas. Elliot, chairman of troop committee 24; Merle Morrison, Assistant Scoutmaster of troop 24: Clarence Martz, committeeman of troop No. 5; Cecil Klee, District commissioner, and Edwin Berger, scouter.

The rally this year is to be more along the exposition of scouting and its program than the competitive lines. Starting at 6:30 there will be held in the school cafeteria what is to be called a "Scout O Rama" in which the various phases of the entire scouting program from cubbing to Eagle scout will be demonstrated and displayed. Every registered troop in the council will take part in this.

At 7:30 there will be the rally proper opening with a mass production of "The Melting Pot" and a human flag. There will be four competitive events, signalling, knot tieing, firemaking and bugling. The concluding scene will be a production of "When Disaster Strikes," showing an actual situation and how it was handled by scouts.

Every boy scout is to attend and take part, uniform or no uniform. As the rules of the past have indicated, no troop that took a first place in any certain event may enter that event again.

The Cubs and scouts of Nevada City are planning to attend and reserved tickets are available in limited number only. There is no charge for admission.

Troop 24 will have a special meeting on this Wednesday evening to complete final plans for the rally. There will also be special motion pictures for the troop which meets promptly at the scout lodge at 7 p. m.

Leland Smith, Warren Smith, Dick Evans, Bob Lystrup, Ernest Helme and Edward McGivern will represent troop No. 24 in the Scout O Rama demonstrating mapping and civics.

DEATH TAKES AGED NATIVE OF ILLINOIS

Mrs. Angie Lena Davis, 83, a native of Illinois and mother of L. B. Davis of Nevada City, passed away last night in the pay ward of the Nevada county hospital.

She had been suffering from illness for about seven months at the hospital. She came to California 36 years ago and has lived in Nevada county two years.

Funeral services will be held at the Holmes Funeral Home Saturday morning at 11:30. Interment will be made in Pine Grove cemetery.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Raymond Yarbrough, Clyde Coffer and Earl Walton, Grass Valley-Nevada City youths charged with burglarizing Cedar Ridge grocery store near Grass Valley, were bound over to the superior court yesterday to face trial. The preliminary hearing for the three was held before Justice of the Peace Charles Morehouse of Grass Valley township.

NATIVE SONS BEAT FIREMEN, 4-1, IN HORSESHOE MATCH

Horseshoe pitchers of the Native Sons of the Golden West reversed an earlier defeat at the hands of the firemen by capturing three matches out of four last Tuesday night. At the conclusion of the contest, both groups made plans for a third series of matches.

Results were: Milton Kenny and Clarence Martz, Native Sons, defeated Cameron Larsen and Joe Cartoscelli, firemen, 51 to 39

Jim Peard and M. D. Coughlin, Native Sons, defeated Dick Stevens and Carl Steger, firemen, 50 to 42.

Tom Rickard and C. W. Chapman, Native Sons, defeated Ray Steger and Robert Graham, firemen, 50 to 44.

Joe Cartoscelli and Cameron Larsen, firemen, defeated Bill James and Leslie Solaro, Native Sons, 50 to 46.

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erate and prays for exemplary and punitive damages for wilful and malicious trespass.

The complaint further alleges on information and belief that the defendants are sinking a winze from the 1650 foot level of the Golden Center parallel to the drill holes and that the sound of drilling and reverberations from the blasting indicate that the winze will break into plaintiff's workings within a short time, and that plaintiff's employees are in serious danger of injury from the blasting and from the infiltration of water artifically induced into plaintiff's mine.

In addition to the complaint, plaintiff also filed five affidavits containing photographs of the water flowing from the drill holes.

Court Restrains Butler

Judge George L. Jones issued a temporary restraining order, returnable March 8th, restraining the defendants from sinking the winze, causing or permitting water to flow from the Golden Center mine into the drill holes leading to the Pennsylvania mine and from drilling additional drill holes.

Plaintiff is represented by Robert M. Searls and John Parks Davis of San Francisco, and Frank G. Finnegan of Nevada City, California.

Mrs. Carl Johnson and niece, Lois Held, of Plum Valley Inn spent Thursday and Friday in Nevada City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weege.

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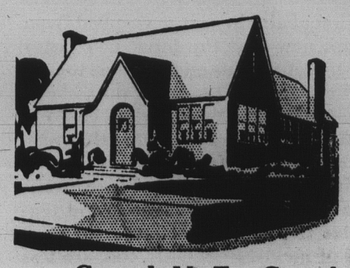

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On Monday Rev. Robert Carrington of Nevada City was elected chairman of the Christ Ambassadors, or young people's organization of the Assemblies of God churches of the United States in twelve cities. His district will comprise the cities from Sacramento north as far as Colusa and Winters to Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garrison came up from Woodland Tuesday and remained until Wednesday on business and visited with their son, Fred Garrison.

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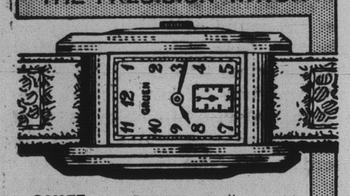

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CHINA STRUGGLES TO KEEP UP WITH SCIENTIFIC WORK

BERKELEY, March 1.—Despite the fact that it is suffering from the widespread destruction of a major military invasion, the Republic of China is pressing the work of non-military scientific investigation and research with new vigor. Although a number of its major educational institutions are closing up under the persuasion of shell fire, they are reopening under emergency conditions elsewhere and significant new discoveries in the field of paleontology and other of the sciences are being constantly reported.

Proof of this is offered by Professor Ralph W. Chaney of the department of paleontology in the University of California, in the announcement that the National Geological Survey, a department of the Chinese republican government, is to issue the second section of a volume on the paleontology of China through the agency of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., in which Professor Chaney is a research associate. Funds already have been received from the survey for the printing and paper stock, and, in order to guarantee the least possible delay, the textual material is being sent to Professor Chaney for assembling and final preparation.

Foremost in this work is Dr. Hsen-Hsu Hu, a graduate of the University of California with the class of 1916, and a student of Professor William A. Setchell, former chairman of the department of botany and now retired from active university work. As director of the Fan Memorial Institute of Pekin, Dr. Hu has had direct charge of the collection of the vital scientific information in China, and its transportation to the United States. In the summer of 1937 Dr Chaney worked with him in Pekin.

The volume now being completed here is an exhaustive description of the fossil flora of the Miocene period of 25,000,000 years ago, and it has developed the important finding that this flora and that of the North American continent were identical in many respects.

Ben F. Waite, who resides on the old home place west of Nevada City, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday.

Quartz and Placer claim location notice blanks at the Nugget Office.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By BARBARA PHARISS

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The play for the yearly senior farce has been chosen, and tryouts for the eleven parts were held Wednesday and Thursday. The characters have not yet been decided upon. Miss Ruiter will have charge of the farce this year.

GIRLS LEAGUE

The Girls League called a meeting Tuesday noon to nominate delegates for the Older Girls' Conference to be held on March 6 and 7. Margaret Odegaard, president, presided. Out of a list of junior and senior girls, seven seniors and three juniors were chosen. The teachers will have the final vote and choose seven girls. The conference is held at Richardson Springs.

SKI CLUB

The ski club, with Mr. Hobbie as advisor, is very active this year. They have made several trips to the snow, and plan to go to Cisco over the week end. There are some fine skiiers in the club, and several have entered in the Auburn ski club meet.

A group of forty of the chorus members were scheduled to sing over KFBK Wednesday night, but because of flood conditions were not able to go. It was a disappointment for the students, but Mrs. Libbey announced that the program was only postponed until a later date.

BASEBALL PLAYERS GET WORK BENEFITS

Flaws were found recently in the unemployment insurance benefit laws of two states New York and Missouri. In New York it was found that no provision keeps unemployed persons who give up their jobs voluntarily from receiving immediately full benefits under the unemployment law, while in Missouri professional baseball players, some of whom earn large salaries each year, are receiving unemployment benefits during the period they are not actually engaged in their profession.

Several from the St. Louis American League ball club and from the Kansas City Blues, a farm team in the wealthy New York Yankee system, applied for compensation. Club officials, in both instances, tried to dissuade their players from making applications, though the Missouri State Unemployment Compensation Commission says the request is legal.

Donald Barnes, president of the St. Louis club, believes players cannot be considered unemployed as long as they are under contract to some team, and protested to his players against seeking the $15 a week allowed for compensation. Roy Haney, business manager of the Blues, also tried to dissuade his players, but six filed applications for relief.

Employers in New York contend that the set up that allows persons to quit jobs and still receive relief is "socially wasteful," as it caused some to quit jobs because they wanted to get some extra rest, retire, marry or have a baby.

Other states discourage the practice by making persons voluntarily quitting their jobs wait an additional one to nine weeks before they are eligible to receive compensation. In New York, those who quit voluntarily and involuntarily are treated in the same manner. Administrators favor a five week extension of the waiting period for "voluntary quits."

HIGHWAY PATROL TO DRIVE AGAINST BOTTLE TOSSERS

Motorists who carelessly toss empty glass bottles on the highways, leaving sharp, jagged pieces which endanger other vehicles and causing needless expense to remove these unsightly objects, are to receive special attention from officers of the California Highway Patrol.

Chief E. R. Cato of the patrol pointed out today that Section 601 of the California Vehicle Code makes it a serious offense for any person, to throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, hooks, wire, cans, or other such substances likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle on the highway. He also called attention to the fact that operators of vehicles are obligated under the law to remove such material from the highway.

"Officers of the patrol will give special attention to those motorists who at night imbibe liquor in their cars, and then desregarding the safety of themselves and others, throw the empty containers on the highways," Chief Cato said.

DANCE, PROGRAM BENEFIT AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

By BARBARA PHARISS

A big benefit dance and program is scheduled by the Nevada City high school band tonight in the local gymnasium. The program begins at 8, and dancing will follow immediately. Footes' orchestra will play. The band, under the direction of Mr. Ralph Smith, will play the marches, "Young Comrades" and "Golden Eagle," and a selection from the Atlantis Suite, and "Goin' Home."

Members of the senior class will present a one-act play. It consists of an introduction by Bill Wagner and Bill Rickard and the skit "Jessie James." The characters are: Villain Hobart Childers; widow, Bernice Bankus; hero, Bill Rickard, and voice on radio, Bill Wagner.

The mixed choruses, led by Mrs. Marion Libbey, will sing Katherine's Wedding Day, I Dream of Jeanie, Curly Headed Baby, Kentucky Babe, Allah's Holiday, Pale Moon, Listen to the Lambs, and the school hymn.

The popular prices are 30, 25 and 40 cents. The money will be used to pay for school instruments.

The music department hopes to see a large crowd there, townspeople as well as students, as it is their first performance of the year.

O. HENRY'S FAMED CISCO KID RIDES TO NEW MOVIE THRILLS

O. Henry's smiling desperado of the Old Southwest, the Cisco Kid, finds new adventure in Arizona and deadly danger in a beautiful senorita's eyes, as he returns to the screen in "The Cisco Kid and the Lady." This 20th Century Fox picture, opens Saturday at the Nevada Theatre, with plenty of excitement, thrills, laughter and romance making it a rare screen treat.

Handsome Cesar Romero is the new Cisco and a more daring, romantic figure never roamed the Western bad lands. Featured in the cast are Marjorie Weaver, Chris-Pin Martin, George Montgomery, Robert Barrat, Virginia Field and Harry Green. Herbert I. Leeds directed.

In the screen play by Frances Hyland, based on the original story by Stanley Rauh, the Arizona stagecoach is robbed, a gold mine is plundered and bad men die right and left of pistol poisoning—all of which puts the Cisco Kid in the mood for love!

The success of Cisco's romantic escapades is indicated in his boast: "She almost get me shot, she turn me over to the sheriff, she try to get me hang! Caramba, how the lady love me!"

Cisco's desire to bestow heaven and earth upon the current light of his life plunges him into the series of exciting adventures that make "The Cisco Kid and the Lady" a highlights of Nevada City, coming film fare. He meets Marjorie Weaver quite by accident in a stagecoach he holds up and never can forget her—until a short time later when he meets Virginia Field, an entertainer in a western tavern. Having two loves is a situation that doesn't faze him a bit. As Cisco himself might say, "To rob a bank or hold up a stagecoach is play for a child. But to make love to two senoritas—that is work for a man."

RETURN TO SANITY IN GOVT. URGED BY BUSINESS LEADERS

National recovery, based on a return to the American system of free enterprise, reorganization of taxation and relief, and modification of the Wagner Labor Relations Act was urged by business and industrial leaders appearing before the sixteenth annual conference of the Iron, Steel and Allied Industries of California, at Del Monte.

"We, in the United States, in company with many other nations, are fighting to regain our liberty from a power drunk government," James F. Lincoln, President of the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio, told the conference. "We have determined that relief, regulation of industry and labor, and employment, be the responsibility of government," Lincoln said. "We cannot put this responsibility on the government without enormously increasing its authority beyond what it is now. The decision must be made shortly. We are riding toward chaos very rapidly. We cannot increase our present spending and at the same time reduce the efficiency of our economic set up to produce wealth. Such a policy can only result, as Europe has shown us, in totalitarianism."

CALIFORNIA AGAIN LEADS NATION IN HOME FINANCING

California, which has secured 18.2 per cent of all mortgages accepted for insurance by the Federal Housing Administration since inception of the insured mortgage system, last year maintained national leadership for FHA home financing for the fifth consecutive year.

Mortgages amounting to $132,674,550 were accepted for insurance on 31,488 California homes during 1939, it was announced by Federal Housing Administrator Stewart McDonald. This means that an average of more than 86 homes in this state were financed through FHA each day during the year, with an average daily investment of almost $364,000 in home ownership, made possible by the FHA plan of financing.

The commanding lead by California is attested by the fact that mortgages accepted for insurance here exceeded by wide margin the combined totals for the two next nearest states. They are Michigan with 14,204 mortgages for $66,538,270 and New York with 10,889, mortgages amounting to $55,980,980.

Since insured mortgage financing was made available through private lending institutions five years ago, to January 1, this year, the Federal Housing Administration had accepted for insurance mortgages on 519,037 homes for a total of $2,208,339,177, of which 95,334 amounting to $408,983,446 were in California.

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